

**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q62966

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For: ACCOUNT SETTLEMENT METHOD IN ONLINE SHOPPING

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Commissioner for Patents

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**REMARKS**

Applicant offers the following comments in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance set forth on pages 2-4 of the Notice of Allowability dated February 8, 2010.

Applicant does not admit to the characterization of the teachings of the prior art set forth in the Statement. Further, Applicant submits that the prior art does not disclose or suggest the features of each of claims 1, 2, 5-13, 16, and 18-20.

Patent Office personnel are requested to note that the present submission does not adversely affect the patent term adjustment accrued by the Applicant to date. As emphasized in the "Clarification of 37 C.F.R. §1.704(c)(10) – Reduction of Patent Term Adjustment for Certain Types of Papers Filed After a Notice of Allowance Has Been Mailed," 1247OG111 (6/26/01), "a response to the examiner's reasons for allowance" is an example of a paper that does "not cause

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substantial interference and delay in the patent issue process” and is “not considered a ‘failure to engage in reasonable efforts’ to conclude processing or examination of the application.”

Therefore, the Applicant remains entitled to the full patent term adjustment set forth on page 3 of the Notice of Allowance dated February 8, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

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